

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUN 01 2004

OFFICIAL

1213U002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : PISHEVAR et al. Group Art Unit: 3624
Serial No : 09/326,646 Examiner: KYLE, Charles R.
Filed : June 7, 1999 Conf. No.: 4448
For : COLLECTIVE PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 29, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments, which address and correct each objection and rejection raised in the Office Action, and which are believed to place this application in condition for allowance.

This Response is being after the three-month shortened statutory period set for response, but within four months of the date of the Office Action in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a). Accordingly, the Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file the instant Response and submit herewith the fee of \$55.00 (small entity) due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a)(1) for such extension of time.

06/02/2004 TLWJ11 00000044 09326646

01 FC:2251

55.00 OP

1